Apostles Made Plans for Library in 1847, But Masons Built Utah's First

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History Matters

The first message from the Twelve Apostles after Brigham Young founded Great Salt Lake City was a stirring call to all Mormons "abroad, dispersed throughout the Earth" written two days before Christmas in 1847. After an exuberant account of the trip to Salt Lake and back, the apostles called on their followers to gather up everything needed to build their new Zion in the Rocky Mountains.

Included in the sizable list was a call to all the Saints to find "a copy of every valuable treatise on education — every book, map, chart or diagram, that may contain interesting, useful, and attractive matter, to gain the attention of children, and cause them to love to learn to read."

And "every historical, mathematical, philosophical, geographical, geological, astronomical, scientific, practical, and all other variety of useful and interesting writings and maps."

This stirring request for books, probably written by Apostle Willard Richards, was largely forgotten in Utah. The first free public library did not open its doors until Sept. 1, 1877. Ironically, it was three days after the death of Brigham Young.

Utah's Masons, led by Christopher Diehl, opened the Masonic Public Library with an initial collection of 1,786 books, which had been donated.

In 1891, the library was transformed into the Pioneer Library Association, and dedicated residents began a long campaign to secure city sponsorship.

Industrialist Andrew Carnegie gave Utah communities from Richmond to St. George $255,470 to build 23 libraries during a 17-year period.

Salt Lake City had its own philanthropist, John Q. Packard, who in 1900 deeded a lot south of the Alta Club to the city and gave some $75,000 to construct a library there. It opened five years later.

The period from 1900 to 1930 was an era of expansion in the number of public libraries in Utah. Legislation, which gave libraries legal authority and taxation power, and philanthropy, which provided physical quarters, were responsible for this proliferation. The number of libraries has never since grown so rapidly.

Although the Utah Library Association was organized during this period, concerted efforts to improve library quality would not occur until the depression and war years, 1930-45, according to Max J. Evans in *A History of the Public Library Movement in Utah*.

There are references to both 22 and 23 Carnegie Libraries, but I have never seen a list that included 23. The 22 were American Fork, Beaver, Brigham City, Cedar City, Ephraim, Eureka, Garland, Manti, Mount Pleasant, Murray, Ogden, Panguitch, Parowan, Price, Provo, Richfield, Richmond, St. George, Salt Lake City Chapman, Smithfield, Springville and Tooele.

The old Minersville library, a historic building that probably dates to this period (and is still standing but not used as a library), might be No. 23 but it isn't on Carnegie lists. Still standing and used as libraries: Beaver, Brigham City, Ephraim, Garland, Manti, Mount Pleasant, Richfield, Richmond, Chapman.

The Panguitch library building still exists and is used as an antique store. Tooele's may still be standing — fate unknown. The American Fork building was demolished when the library that preceded the current library was built. Others I don't know about.

Joseph Surace gave Salt Lake Tribune Editor S. H. Goodwin's history of Utah's Masonic library to Will Bagley, whose love affair with books began at the East Mill Creek Public Library.

FOR THE RECORD

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

HIGH-SPEED CHASE ENDS IN FIVE ARRESTS

Five people were arrested Saturday after a traffic stop evolved into a high-speed chase and foot pursuit. The incident began about 8:45 a.m. on southbound Interstate 15, when a trooper spotted a car traveling about 10 miles over the speed limit near 10600 South, said Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Phil Waters. After a high-speed chase to Bangerter Highway, the car began stopping, and five passengers left the car. Three were arrested quickly, but a K-9 officer from Utah County was called in to look for the other two, who were found hiding in a Dumpster near an apartment complex. All five are gang members, Waters said, and were sought in connection with several recent violent incidents. The car had been stolen six days earlier in Salt Lake City, he said. The two adults and three juveniles were booked into the Salt Lake County Jail.

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SKIERS FOUND IN COTTONWOOD CANYON

Three overdue skiers encountered Salt Lake County Search and Rescue officials Saturday night, just as authorities were mobilizing to look for them in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The search and rescue team was contacted about 7 p.m. Saturday by Alta officials after relatives reported they were several hours late. Search and rescue team members had been in the canyon about an hour and were just heading out to search for the skiers when they encountered them about 9 p.m. All three of the skiers were experienced, officials said, but got turned around a bit and were heading back to an area that was more familiar to them. All were in good condition.

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TRAFFIC STOP YIELDS MURDER SUSPECT

A Utah Highway Patrol traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a 31-year-old man sought by Illinois authorities in connection with a murder. Trooper Andrew Prescott pulled a car over about 9:30 p.m. Thursday on westbound Interstate 80, about 50 miles east of Wendover, because it had a headlight out. A computer check showed the driver, Guadalupe Alvarado, was sought in connection with a fatal shooting. Prescott checked with Illinois investigators, who e-mailed him a picture of Alvarado. Prescott said he called for backup and left the car sitting for about 25 minutes, as authorities told him Alvarado was considered armed and dangerous. Once backup arrived, troopers took Alvarado into custody without incident. He is set to be extradited to Illinois next week, Prescott said.

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SUSPECT SOUGHT IN BANK ROBBERY

The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and the FBI are seeking a suspect in the theft of a van and subsequent robbery of a Taylorsville branch of Key Bank. About 11 a.m. Friday, a man parked the van east of the bank, walked in and demanded money from a teller, then left in the van. No one was injured, authorities said. The suspect is described as a male in his early 20s, about 5 feet 7 inches tall with a stocky build and eyeglasses. He was driving a 1985 Ford Club wagon that police said was stolen from a convenience store earlier Friday after the driver left it running while inside the store. Anyone with information about the robbery or who sees the van is asked to call the sheriff's office at 743-7000 or the FBI at 579-1400.

Mixed-Blood Indians Seek Inclusion

Former tribal members who lost their legal rights as Utes are suing to get them back

BY SHINIKA A. SYKES
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Alvin "Sonny" Denver grew up as a member of the Uinta Band of Ute Indians in northeastern Utah. Although his grandfather was Piute, and his grandmother was of mixed blood, Shoshone and Caucasian, his family was adopted into the Ute Tribe and a Ute is how he has always identified himself.

It was how he fit himself into the world.

But at the age of 40, his legal rights as a Ute were technically terminated and he was removed from Ute tribal rolls.

Now Denver, 82, is one of 490 individuals, including 260 minors, who has filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the termination and demanding reinstatement in the Ute tribe.

"Jim Crow is gone from the South, the Berlin Wall has been dismantled, Communism is gone and apartheid is no longer the law in South Africa, but [Indian] termination is still going on," said Dennis Chappabitty, a California attorney specializing in Indian law.

Speaking to a crowd of approximately 150 people Saturday at Salt Lake City's Indian Walk-In Center, Chappabitty, a member of the Comanche Nation, said he has represented native people in California and was successful in restoring their status in recognized tribes.

He believes he can do the same for Utah's Uinta Utes.

At issue are a series of laws passed between 1945 and 1961 that resulted in the loss of 1.4 million acres of Indian land and tribal affiliation of 12,000 people and 109 tribes and bands, according to a lengthy display along the wall of the Walk-In Center's meeting room.

The plan was to end federal supervision over several Indian tribes by dividing property held in trust by the government and help tribes gain economic independence.

A substantial portion of the Ute Tribe's assets was in the form of oil, gas and mineral rights that could not be divided easily among tribal members. Instead, Congress treated the assets as stocks to be distributed over the years.

Along with having their status as "Indians" and members of the Uinta Band of Utes restored, the plaintiffs also want an accounting of stocks held in federal trust for their benefit prior to and after their termination.

According to Chappabitty, because the federal government did not ensure that "terminated" individuals received the property and stock rights legally promised to them under the Ute Distribution Corp., which represented the mixed-blood Utes, their termination status became "null and void."

"The U.S. failed to properly convey various assets and property rights and as such they were slowly taken away to the benefit of non-Indians in the area," said Chappabitty.

Oranna Felter, a mixed-blood Ute, is the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit Felter, et al. v. The United States, which was filed Nov. 4, 2002, in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

Felter, who still lives in the Fort Duchesne area, was 11 years old when her family was terminated.

"It was never the intent for non-Natives to benefit in the transfer of assets from mixed bloods," she said.

Despite the complexity of the case, Chappabitty insisted the overall issue is simple.

"The larger issue deals with identity," he said. "Your identity is how you fit yourself in the world."

Hinckley Talks to Kids on Primary Anniversary

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Speaking via satellite to what church officials said was nearly 1 million children worldwide, LDS Church President Gordon B. Hinckley urged daily prayer and obedience to church principles.

The event was held Saturday at the church's Conference Center in Salt Lake City to mark the 125th anniversary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' children's program called Primary.

Children, their teachers and parents filled the 21,000-seat center for Hinckley's address, the first time the 92-year-old church leader has directed remarks to children in a global telecast. The speech was broadcast in 22 languages to chapels in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America.

"Every man or woman . . . was once a boy or girl like you. They grew according to the pattern they followed. If that pattern was good, then they became good men and women. "

GORDON B. HINCKLEY
LDS Church president

"Every man or woman who ever walked the Earth, even the lord Jesus, was once a boy or girl like you," Hinckley said at the early afternoon event. "They grew according to the pattern they followed. If that pattern was good, then they became good men and women.

" . . . Never forget that you are a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

Coleen Menlove, general president of the Primary, also addressed the gathering.

Begun in Farmington in 1878 as an after-school program, Primary has evolved into a worldwide church activity, using song and instruction to reinforce values, such as the importance of prayer, adherence to faith, and devotion to parents and community.

Colorado Ski Patrol Member Rescued After Utah Avalanche

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Colorado ski patroller who appeared to have stopped breathing after being caught in a backcountry Utah avalanche was unhurt after fellow patrollers rescued her.

The 29-year-old member of the Steamboat, Colo., ski patrol, was with a group of four skiing Friday in the Twin Lakes Pass area near Brighton and Solitude ski resorts when the avalanche occurred around noon, Salt Lake County Sheriff Lt. Mike Wardle said.

The patrollers were in the area as part of an exchange program between the Steamboat and Solitude resorts. They had done preliminary control work to reduce avalanche risk, when the woman, the second skier on the run, triggered the slide.

Jay Berke, spokesman for Solitude Resort, said the avalanche was a class three on a scale of one to five, five being the most severe.

The other three patrollers, all males, found the woman by using their transponders. When they dug her out, she had been buried for approximately six minutes under about 5 feet of snow, Berke said.

She began breathing on her own, Wardle said.

The group took the woman down the mountain, where she was airlifted to University Hospital in good condition. She was released from the hospital later in the day.

No one else was injured in the slide.

LOTTERY

The winning numbers drawn Saturday night in Idaho's Powerball lottery worth $12 million were: 02, 13, 20, 21, 23.

POWERBALL: 35

The winning numbers in Idaho, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska's Wild Card lottery worth $115,000 were: 04, 07, 15, 18, 27.

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1:00 Training A Young Pup - Hunting Dog Demo / Seminar Area
1:30 The Art of Casting - Casting Pond
2:00 Tricks to Tying Flies - Fly-Tying Theater
2:00 Fishing Moving Waters - Live Action Trout River
2:00 A Well Trained Dog - Hunting Dog Demo / Seminar Area
3:00 Presentation Is Everything - Live Action Trout River
3:00 Popular Utah Patterns - Fly-Tying Theater
3:00 Tricks of Training - Hunting Dog Demo / Seminar Area
3:30 The Art of Casting - Casting Pond
4:00 The Art of Tying Flies - Fly-Tying Theater

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